

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Sportsman Meeting Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield.

PRESENT: Councillor Jack Nelson – Town Mayor

Councillor Lenny Brandon	Councillor Sheila Jones
Councillor James Broach	Councillor Phil Knott
Councillor Margaret Eames-Petersen	Councillor Linda Mendez
Councillor John Fitzpatrick	Councillor Geoff Wiltshire
Councillor Kerstin Holman	

OFFICERS: Carrie Lloyd (Town Clerk)

### **31. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Heather Ciarleglio Councillor Frank Bowron, Councillor Kim Langley (illness), Councillor George Relf (illness), Councillor Bhumi Zhaveri (work).

### **32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Councillor Wiltshire advised Members that he was the Council's appointed representative on the Newgate Street Village Hall Committee and was the elected Chairman on that Committee.

### **33. QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from Members of the public.

### **34. MINUTES**

Councillor Eames-Petersen had been present at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

### **35. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **a) Planning Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted and any recommendations be approved.

#### **b) Sport & Leisure Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

RESOLVED that the Minutes be noted and any recommendations be approved.

**36. FINAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2017/18**

Members noted the Auditor's report and the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED that Members agree that all the recommendations had been actioned, Councillor Wiltshire contact the Clerk or Head of Operations for any further queries that he had and that Councillor Brandon prepare a statement for approval by Councillors in Part 2 at the next meeting of the Council.

(Action: Town Clerk/Councillor Brandon)

**37. NEWGATE STREET BMX MOUNDS**

Members considered a request by the Village Hall Committee to build mounds in the recreation ground that they would pay for themselves.

RESOLVED that the Council agrees in principal to the proposal and Councillors Brandon, Knott & Wiltshire be delegated the authority of a Sub committee to decide the location on site.

(Action: Sub Committee)

**38. NEWGATE STREET**

Members considered protecting the Council's car park and tennis court.

It was suggested that the tennis courts could be booked through the Town Council (for a fee). Councillor Wiltshire undertook to ascertain whether the caretaker would be willing to police it on behalf of the Town Council in the first instance.

As many of the local restaurants patrons were using the car park, Members felt that a letter should be sent to the owner asking for a contribution towards its maintenance.

(Action: Town Clerk)

**39. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ASSETS**

Members considered the replacement timetable and requested that the Head of estates report back with more details to the next meeting of the Resources & Policy Committee.

(Head of Estates)

**40. 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMET**

In preparation for 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Member RESOLVED that a World Hatfield Day Sub Committee be set up and Group Leaders advise of their nominations in due course.

**41. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Noted that the next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Closure: 9pm

Mayor